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~~The present invention is a~~ A content distribution system ~~for distributing~~ distributes contents. The content distribution system ~~(1)~~ includes a key issuing center ~~(11)~~, a server ~~(12)~~, eight output apparatuses ~~(13a) to (13h)~~, and a communication path ~~(10)~~ that connects them to each other. ~~Here, a pair of the~~ The key issuing center ~~(11)~~ and each of the output apparatuses ~~(13a) to (13h)~~ is are previously given an individual key shared between them. For example, the key issuing center ~~(11)~~ shares ~~an~~ individual key IKa with ~~the~~ an output apparatus ~~(13a)~~, ~~an~~ individual key IKb with an ~~the~~ output apparatus ~~(13b)~~, and ~~an~~ individual key IKh with ~~the~~ an output apparatus ~~(13h)~~.